

Application No. 09/856,431

Our Case No. 09799107-0006

REMARKS

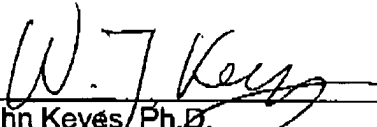
Claims 1-43 were pending and under consideration in the Office Action of September 10, 2004. Claims 7, 13, 14, 16-23, 35 and 36 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. By means of this amendment, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 7, and Claim 7 has been canceled. No new matter has been added. Claims 24-43 have been canceled.

In view of the fact that independent Claim 1 contains subject matter indicated as allowable, it is submitted that all remaining claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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